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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLY SECTION.

15-7-1947.

RESOLUTION.

SRI V. RAGHAVIAH, M.L.A.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

This Assembly recommends to the Government to bring ~~him in~~ in legislation for the abolition of Rickshaw-pulling in this Province.

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HOME DEPARTMENT

NOTE FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Legislative Assembly Resolution - Abolition of rickshaws.

Sri V. Raghaviah, M.L.A. has given notice of a resolution to be moved at the next meeting of the Legislative Assembly recommending to Government to bring in legislation for the abolition of rickshaw pulling in the province. The resolution has been admitted.

2. Section 6 of the Madras Hackney Carriage Act, 1911, as amended by the Madras Hackney Carriage (Amendment) Act, 1941 (Madras Act I of 1941) empowers the Commissioner to limit the number of vehicles of any description which may registered annually. The amendment Act was passed during section 93 situation. The Act will have force for a period of two years from 30-4-1946 and will lapse on 1-5-48, unless action is taken in the meantime to re-enact it. It has been considered necessary to re-enact the Act. ---

3. Section 6, as amended, gives power to the Commissioner only to limit the number of vehicles of any description which may be registered annually, and not to refuse licenses to all vehicles of a particular description. The section will require further amendment if it is proposed to take power to abolish rickshaws altogether in the event of the Government deciding to do so ultimately. The Government have ordered a reduction in the number of hand-pulled rickshaws plying for hire from 1-4-48, and they will decide the future programme after obtaining a report from the Commissioner of Police as to how the reduction ordered w has worked and t what effect it had had on public opinion. In view of this it was considered appropriate to take this opportunity to achieve this object by a simple amendment of section 6 of the Act which would be needed for the purpose. H.M.(Home), H.M.(Finance), H.M. (Prohibition), H.M.(Local Administration) and His Excellency have already agreed to legislation being undertake in the matter. A copy of the memorandum for legislation has been submitted for orders of other H.Ms. under Secretariat Instruction 32(2).

4. The policy to be adopted in regard to the abolition of rickshaws will in any case be decided only after April 1948.

5. With reference to the resolution given notice of by Sri V. Raghaviah, M.L.A., H.M.(Home) and H.P.M. have minuted as follows:-

"(1) I will reply to the resolution.
(2) I think the council of ministers should decide the attitude we should take.

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"May be diseussed in the Council of Ministers".

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6. The point for decision is what attitude the Government should take towards the resolution, if it is moved in the Assembly.

P. Subbroyan,
Minister for Home.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HELD AT FORT ST. GEORGE ON WEDNESDAY THE 10th SEPTEMBER, 1947.

The Hon'ble the Prime Ministers Presided.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Dr. P. Subbarayan.
The Hon'ble Dr. T.S.S. Rajan.
The Hon'ble Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
The Hon'ble Sri B. Gopala Reddi.
The Hon'ble Mr. Daniel Thomas.
The Hon'ble Sri H. Sitarama Reddi.
The Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli.
The Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avinashilingam.
The Hon'ble Sri K. Madhava Menon.
The Hon'ble Sri Kala Venkata Rao.
The Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty.
The Hon'ble Sri V. Kurmayya.

AGENDA:

Legislative Assembly Resolution - Abolition of rickshaws Attitude of Governments.

O R D E R:-

It was decided that the resolution should be opposed.

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DR. T.S.S. RAJAN.

Fort St. George,
12th August, 1947.

My dear Varadachari,

I had your letter of the 11th August regarding the resolution by Sri V. Raghaviah,. I have forwarded the letter to the Development Department.

2. You may tell Mr. Raghaviah that the Government are already taking action with regard to bke abolition of rickshaws in the city and in the first instalment about 500 rickshaws will be reduced from the existing number now plying on roads. A complete abolition of the rickshaws will be done in the cours of two years.

3. With regard to his other resolution regarding min mum wage for agricultural and other labourers, the matter is under the consideration of the Government. Mr. Raghaviah may be told that the Government themselves are taking action on this matter.

4. In the above circumstances there is no need for Mr. Raghaviah to bring in the above two resolutions. He may be informed accordingly.

Yours truly,

To
Sri N.S. Varadachari, M.L.A.,
Secretary, Madras Legislature Congress Party,
Government House, Mout Road.

Copy to the Development Department.

Home Department.

The resolution was not successful inthe recent ballot. It is understood from the Assembly Secretariat that this resolution has been deleted from the list of non-official resolutions and that it will not come up again for the Ballot. No further action is called for. The papers may be recorded.

G.O.Ms.No. 4602 Dated the 13th December 1947.

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